A Tale of Timeless Love

Doc and Dixie Harms offer example of true romance

In honor of Valentine's Day, I'd like to share a story of love spanning more than 65 years in Canby. You may be familiar with Doc and Dixie Harms, who ran a successful veterinary clinic in town for several decades. Their love story is one of enduring partnership, commitment and shared purpose.

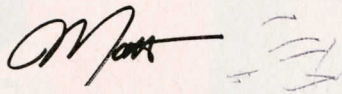
Doc met Dixie at the State Fair in the late 1950s, but it was during their time together at Oregon State University that they began dating — Doc was a senior; Dixie was a freshman. They married in January of 1961 and settled in Corvallis, where Doc worked at Clark Veterinary Clinic. While their life in the college town was fulfilling, the desire remained to open a veterinary practice back home in Canby.

In December of 1969, during the Christmas holidays, Doc was approached by a neighbor who'd recently purchased property on Lone Elder Road. The neighbor wanted the couple to open their new veterinary clinic there. And so, on June 1, 1970, that's exactly what they did. For nearly 48 years, Doc and Dixie worked side by side, providing vet services to the local community while raising their two children, Kelly and Scott.

In the mid-1980s, they transitioned from small animal care to larger livestock and farm animals, traveling to ranches and farms to care for their patients. While this move might not have been the best financial decision, Doc would later say it was the best decision for his peace of mind.

Doc and Dixie continued their work until Doc's retirement in 2018. In their final years, they had more time to devote to friends, family and the Canby Rodeo community. Together, they celebrated more than 60 wedding anniversaries, with this January marking what would have been their 64th.

Sadly, this past holiday season, Dixie passed away. We dedicate this issue to her memory, and extend our thoughts and prayers to the Harms family during this difficult time. Doc and Dixie's remarkable story is an inspiring example of love, commitment and so much more.



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